

Early News
Note the datelines on European stories carried in The Statesman. Early news of the same day is carried.

The Weather
Fair today and Saturday but with cloud or fog near the coast. Max. Temp. 81, Min. 45. River -3.9 ft. North wind.

French Heavy Guns Pound Siegfried Wall

Mill Creek Yields Two Bodies

Ethell, Hillman Youths Drown At High Street

Spaniel Dog Finds Body in 14-Foot Depth, Other Near by

Week's Mystery Closed; Coroner Plans no Formal Inquest

The week-old mystery surrounding disappearance of Bobby Hillman, 7, and Bobby Ethell, 5, was cleared yesterday at 4:30 p.m. when police removed two small bodies from a 14-foot hole in Mill creek a few yards west of the South High street bridge.

Discovery of the bodies was made when a small spaniel dog belonging to Paul, 10, and Charles Bales, 6, of 437 S. Liberty street, dragged the body of the Hillman boy to shore while swimming in the stream with his masters and with William, 9, and Richard Shirley, 11, of 555 South Commercial.

The Bales and Shirley boys, when they realized what the dog, "Dixie," had in its teeth, called to Dick Bennett, 10, who was across the stream. He notified police, who arrived shortly after to discover the body of the Ethell lad.

Identification was made later by the fathers, Adolph Hillman, 2170 Berry street, and Kenneth Ethell, Route 5.

Coroner L. E. Barrick stated definitely last night that all evidence pointed to death by drowning, from the condition of the bodies, on the day of their disappearance, August 31.

According to authorities who made a brief examination of the bodies, no external marks of violence could be found on either.

Bare Feet Factor
In Swimming Theory

This, and the fact that the feet of both boys were bare, lent foundation to an unofficial suggestion that they had drowned while wading. Lack of evidence of external concussion seemed to rule out the possibility that they had fallen while crossing or playing on the unfinished High street bridge structure only 10 yards away.

Coroner Barrick indicated last night that there would probably be no formal inquest. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

The Hillman and Ethell boys disappeared a week ago yesterday, the day on which a circus was showing in Salem. When they failed to return after remarking to their parents that they intended to visit the circus, a general search was begun of all county roads, streams, departing railroads and other places.

Yesterday the report was current that they were in Portland, possibly living in a transient's jungle. They were said to have been positively identified in Canby and Oregon City and later to have been seen on Portland streets.

The sheriff's office, which directed a volunteer search party last week, issued this last night to the Veterans of Foreign Wars and to the general public for their assistance.

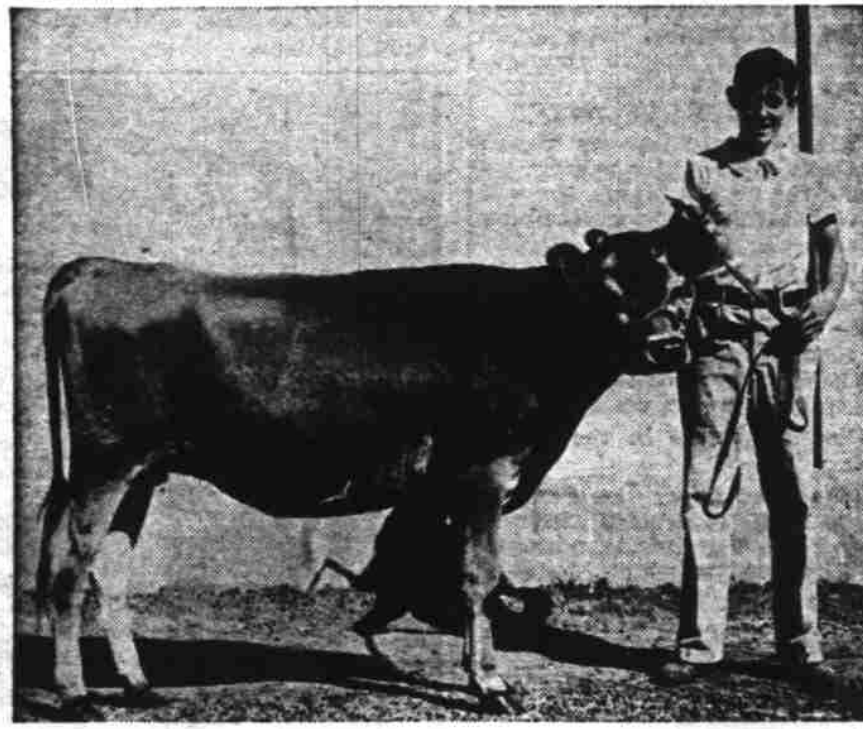
Nelson to Come To Prison Today

TOLEDO, Ore., Sept. 7.—(AP)—Henry S. Nelson, Portland salesman who was convicted of manslaughter as a result of the shooting of Captain Richard Earl at Depue bay a year ago last July, must serve nine years in prison. The state supreme court today denied his appeal from a previous court decision refusing him a new trial. Lincoln County Sheriff George Robinson said he would deliver Nelson to the state penitentiary Friday.

Eugene Horse Is Repeater Fourth Time at First Spot

By MAXINE BUREN
Dean Harvester, owned and driven by Dr. James A. Bradley of Eugene, won first ribbon for the fourth consecutive day when shown in the roadsters to bike event at last night's horse show at the Oregon state fair. This sensational brown stallion will be shown in the same event the remaining two nights of the horse show in competition for a \$100 stake.

PROUD STATESMAN CARRIER



Money earned as an Oregon Statesman carrier enabled James Baker, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baker, 130 Ratcliffe drive, to enter a prize-winning Jersey senior yearling at the state fair this week. James' cow won the grand championship of the Future Farmers show. He paid \$120 for her. James has been getting up early six mornings a week to deliver The Statesman to doorsteps in south Salem and Salm Heights since June 1, 1938. He handles his route with as much care and pride as he does his cow, according to Harold G. Pruitt, circulation manager. As a result he rarely has a customer complaint.

Farm Organization Day Slated at State's Expo

People of Rural Sectors Take Command Today; Smiling Skies Continue to Attract Good Crowds on Fourth Day

By PAUL H. HAUSER, JR.
The people for whom the fair was made get the fairgrounds today as the 78th Oregon state fair, so far riding high ahead of 1938 totals, goes into the day dedicated to farm organizations.

It's the day for the Oregon State Grange, the 4H clubs, the Future Farmers and all the sterling citizens who gain their livelihood from the soil.

Portlanders yesterday almost equalled the enthusiasm of Salem people for the fair as 11,884 swarmed the grounds, a figure but 181 less than last year when 12,065 were on hand.

The 4H clubs announced their first big award yesterday to get a head start on farm organization day as Wilma Gorton of Salem Heights was proclaimed the healthiest girl in the Oregon 4H clubs and Paul DeCoursey of Maupin, the healthiest boy.

Wilma Gorton scored 981 out of a possible 1000 points while DeCoursey scored 984.7. Leo Erwert of Mt. Angel was second in the boy's contest with a score of 980.4. Health Club.

Two big farm events open today's program, the state grange song contest at the Wonderland auditorium at 10 o'clock and the 4H livestock auction in the 4H livestock barns at the same hour. The Future Farmers, conducted in complement to the Smith-Hughes agricultural education program, open their livestock judging activities at 9 o'clock.

Portland day crowds yesterday gave the races the best play they have had since Labor day as they showed \$14,044 across the boards, a figure \$1,010 short of last year's total for Thursday.

Bugle Corps Applauded
Race track fans heard the Portland police bugle and drum corps give out with some novelty numbers, decidedly off the beaten track for similar musical organizations, and applauded them lustily. Mayor Joseph K. Carson was unable to appear to present the award in the Mayor's Handicap.

The grandstand was packed again for the night show, the All American Revue, which word of mouth advertising around the grounds has heralded as the best entertainment at the fair. Attendance at the horse show was hit by the growing popularity of the grandstand event, which features Eddie Peabody, world famed banjoist, Zoe Dell Lantis, and the All American glamour girls.

The state grange song contest this morning will present six re-

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Goldendale Schools Dark

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Sept. 7.—(AP)—The grade and high schools failed to open Tuesday because the town failed to approve a special five-mill levy.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 7.—(AP)—Southpaw Ad Laska pitched a seven-inning three-hit game and blanked Los Angeles, 4-1, to give Portland both ends of a Pacific Coast league double-header tonight. The Beavers won the nine-inning opener 5-4.

5 US Fliers Die as Plane Falls Flaming

Night Catastrophe Sees Bomber Crash Radio Wire, San Diego

Two More Feared Lost as Bomber Usually Carried Seven

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Sept. 7.—(AP)—At least five men were reported killed tonight when a heavy bomber plane struck antenna wires of the Chollas Heights navy radio station and crashed to the ground in flames.

Eddie McLarney, fire department battalion chief who sped to the scene, said he saw five bodies in the smoking wreckage, and added that ships of that type usually carried a crew of seven.

A search of wreckage and nearby brush failed to disclose any bodies that might have been thrown clear. He said the craft seemed to be of the patrol bomber type, a two-engine craft.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Diday, eye witnesses of the crash, said they were sitting in an automobile at the radio station at the time.

"As the plane flew over our heads we saw the pilot was in trouble and about to crash into the antenna," Diday said. "One of the motors was sputtering, then the engines became quiet and the plane tipped to the right in an attempt to avoid the wires. The tip of the wing hit the wires and the plane crashed into a roar, immediately exploding."

There was no immediate information available from naval officials as the personnel of the craft.

A fireman who answered the alarm said there was a cloud over the radio station and it was possible the pilot did not see the wires.

Fire trucks were unable to reach the plane which crashed on a hilltop 3000 feet from the radio towers.

Chief McLarney said all the bodies were burned beyond recognition and all were in the front part of the plane. He said hand extinguishers which were the only equipment that could be brought to the burning plane were unable to stop the flames.

Navy fire crews with special equipment to fight gasoline fires were rushed to the plane, which crashed about 10 p. m.

Hoboes Pingle up Travelers' Checks In Boxcar Holdup

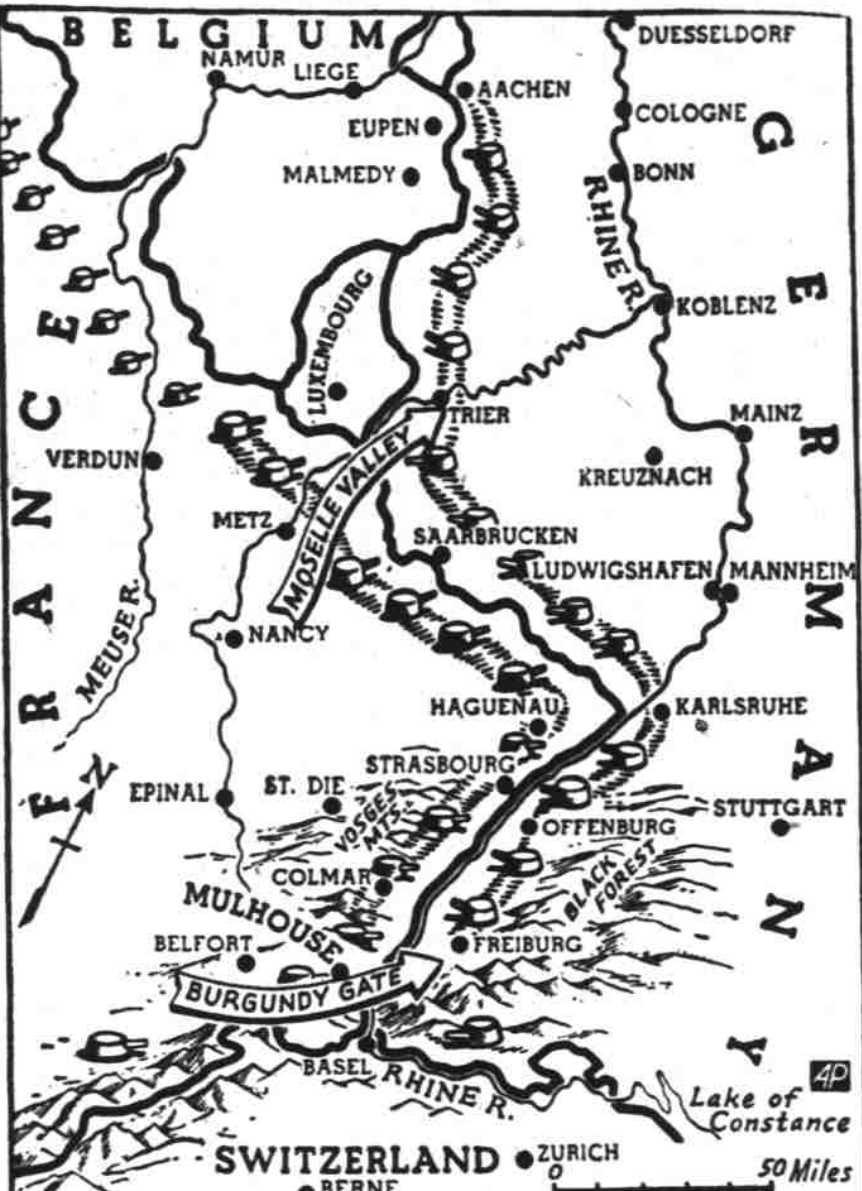
SPOKANE, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Fifteen transients filed out of a railroad box car tonight and told sheriff's officers a story of a modern Jesse James who took all their \$20 cash and travelers' checks but returned one man's bedroom watch and turned down another's check for \$80.

Deputy Bill Dieter said the men told this story:

The bandit, brandishing a pistol, lined his victims up in the rattling box car as the train approached Spokane. He made each one back toward him and made a thorough search of their pockets.

To one he returned a watch; to another, the personal check for \$80. He hopped off the train as it slowed at the edge of the city.

FRENCH TEST HITLER'S WALL



The French army is attacking Germany's west wall along the Moselle valley on the north—and toward the historic Burgundy Gate on the south—a 20-mile valley running northeastward from France into the famous Black forest. Here in map form is the setting for the new battleground on the western front. Last night's dispatches told of a heavy French bombardment of the German wall on a wide front. (AP photo).

Jubilant Germans Hear Of Victories in Poland

Polish Defense Crumbles, Army Reports Asserting; no Direct Word Heard From Warsaw, Where Battle Rages, for Hours

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER
BERLIN, Sept. 7.—(AP)—A spirit of victory was in the air in Berlin tonight as the result of German army reports of sweeping gains against a crumbling Polish adversary.

German armies had clamped Polish forces in three great vises, one of which was reported inexorably clamping down on Warsaw with the main jaw of the advance only 20 miles from the capital's northern limit.

Official reports said the army of Adolf Hitler was converging from three sides upon Poznan, a city of 275,000 population and farthest west of any Polish-held territory. The towns of Wragowice, 28 miles northeast, and Obornik, 18 miles north of Poznan had been captured, as had the town of Kozmin, 43 miles south. To the west of Poznan the Germans also were declared to be progressing.

In the advance on Lodz, 80 miles southwest of Warsaw, the Germans were reported to have captured the town of Rawa-Mazowieck.

Field Marshal Herman Wilhelm Goering told his air force: "Mastery of the air in the east is yours."

Even the Wasserplatte, the tiny Polish munitions station in Danzig harbor, had fallen after six days of assault.

(No direct word has been heard from Warsaw since 12:35 p. m. Wednesday—6:25 a. m. EDT—when it was reported the poles were "fighting like lions" 30 miles north of Warsaw to save their capital.

(It was believed that the Poznan and Warsaw radio stations had been abandoned.

(Budapest reported that the only remaining Polish station in southeastern Poland about 125 miles from Warsaw, today appealed to the populace to "stem the new march of barbarism and anti-Christianity in Europe.")

German officialdom felt that (Turn to Page 2, Column 1.)

Massive Army Is Poised to Strike Following Barrage

Hundreds of Thousands of Troops Are Ready to Hit Weakest Spot; More Pill Boxes Taken

German Troops Bolster Moselle Valley Defenses; to Halt Seizure of Rich Saar Sector

BASEL, Switzerland, Sept. 8.—(Friday)—(AP)—German labor battalions worked through the night at the Istein fort on the Rhine, north of Basel, apparently building additional pill boxes on the vine-covered slopes of the Nazi "Rhineland Gibraltar."

The workers used shielded lights which were invisible from the French side of the river.

The mammoth Istein fortifications, dismantled during the World war, have been rebuilt much stronger than ever.

BASEL, Switzerland, Sept. 7.—(AP)—French heavy artillery today hammered the main forts of Germany's Siegfried line from Lauterbourg, where the French-German frontier elbows away from the Rhine, to the Saar frontier.

While the big guns boomed, hundreds of thousands of French troops moved under protection of the Maginot line into position, ready to strike at the points the high command decides is the weakest.

A French communique tonight reported heavy German troops concentrations in the Moselle valley.

The French movements in the Saar region, however, were confined for the time being to local action, reports received here said.

The French were said to have taken more pill boxes in German territory before the main positions of the Siegfried line.

The Moselle valley between the principality of Luxembourg and the Saar, is one of the two most heavily fortified regions of both the Maginot and Siegfried lines.

Great French forts guard both sides of the Moselle near Sierck, while the Germans guard the Moselle and Rhine valley routes to Cologne.

Observers Doubt Storming of Forts
Military observers in Switzerland doubted that the French would risk a head-on assault in that stronghold.

These observers said, however, the Saarland coal fields might fall, at least partially, into French possession with but little resistance.

German comment on this possibility was that "Louis Napoleon captured the Saar early in the Franco-Prussian war but lost" the other great fortified area at the Swiss end of the two lines.

In this latter area the French have spent billions of francs in building fortifications and have concentrated tens of thousands of Senegalese and other troops to guard the vital Burgundian gate between the Jura and Vosges mountains.

The Istein forts, considered the key to the entire South Baden Black forest, were inspected twice by Adolf Hitler just before the war began.

Long-Laid Plans Now in Execution
In view of the strength of both extremities of the Siegfried line, foreign military observers in Switzerland expected the French to strike somewhere between them.

Reports received here indicated that General Maurice Gamelin, generalissimo of the combined French-British forces, was directing his powerful army through gaps planned for years on paper and backed up by men and materials.

Railroad spurs for French railway guns, motor roads and air bases, many of which were constructed since Hitler came to power in 1933, are being used for the present French concentrations.

General Henri Guisan, commander-in-chief of the Swiss army, who is schooled in both German and French military methods, concentrated his strong, well-equipped citizen army in Basel.

The city itself was turned into a fort. Basel teemed with troops and every other street corner was converted into a stronghold with huge, steel girders, railroad ties and the building materials.

Anti-tank apices set in concrete guarded main entrances to the city.

German Reports Laud Stand Of Polish Garrison Troops

BERLIN, Sept. 7.—(AP)—Germans said tonight 100 Poles lost their lives in the siege of the Westerplatte garrison in Danzig harbor and that the remaining 120 surrendered before an infantry and flame throwers' attack only because they had nothing left to eat.

The story of the gallant week-long stand of the Poles under heavy aerial and naval bombardment began to trickle into Berlin tonight.

The Westerplatte is a well-fortified promontory sticking into Danzig harbor and is difficult to approach from the land.

FUEHRER WILDLY ACCLAIMED AT FRONT



Cablephoto above shows Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler as he arrived in conquered Polish territory being wildly hailed by Nazi troops. Hitler is surrounded by a staff of generals. At his right is German Foreign Minister Joachim Von Ribbentrop. Hitler gave orders that all captured Poles be immediately put to work. The Polish government, meantime, abandoned Warsaw for an unidentified temporary capital. (HN photo).